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I personally feel that the Government should drop the whole thing as soon as possible, before the DOJ looks anymore foolish. I think that the "Software" companies that complained about Microsoft's supposed unfair practices used you folks at DOJ on a "witchhunt" against Microsoft because these other "Software" Company's have inferior products and can't compete unless it crys to the DOJ that Microsoft isn't playing fair!!!!!! And then tangle everybody up in a asinine lawsuit. The "States" of course have to get on the band-wagon because they smell "Big Cash Settlements". So the States, who really don't give a real shit about they're consumers, are just in it to try and line their state coffers with Corporate money.(Just look at the Tobacco Suits, none to those settlements went to prevent or stop smoking, in most cases I read about it went to the "States" General funds. The Tobacco Companies paid out the money for the Anti-Smoking Ads. The States still want the TAX Money from the Tobacco.) So as usual its the American people who get screwed by this kind of B.S. Suit against a Company who just makes a better product. The DOJ could do us all a favor and try not to protect us so much. If there is a product out there that doesn't work or if we don't like it, guess what, we the consumer don't have to buy it!!!!!

So please stop wasting tax payers funds and go after some real criminals, maybe Terrorists Money Laundering Operations, Organized crime, etc. I'm sure these problems haven't gone away since DOJ devoted so much time to the Microsoft case.

Thank you for your time.

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